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Our Case No. 9281-3969

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yasuji Hagiwara et al.

Serial No. 09/819,273

Filing Date: March 28, 2001

For: Character Input Apparatus

Examiner: Vincent Kovalick

Group Art Unit No.: 2673

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 1, lines 9-11 as follows:

The character input apparatus has been used for various electronic apparatuses such as personal computers, portable phones, and game machines.

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 23 and ending on page 2, line 10 as follows:

(Amended) The portable phone is used as a means for communication with other persons, and communication is carried not only by means of voice but also by means of character. In the case of communication by means of character, characters are entered



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9281/3969
Serial No. 09/819,273	Filing Date March 28, 2001	Examiner V. Kovalick	Group Art Unit 3673
Inventor(s) Yasuji Hagiwara et al.			
Title of Invention CHARACTER INPUT APPARATUS			

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Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Cover Letter (1p. Filed in Dup.); Amendment (Opp. including Appendix A) and PTO Reply Postcard.

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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

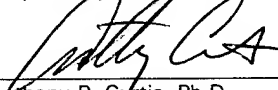
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Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$9 =	
x 42 =	
+ \$140 =	
Total add'l fee	\$

Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$18 =	
x \$84 =	
+ \$280 =	
Total add'l fee	\$

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- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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